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## Research

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### Interests

Public and environmental economics, Political economy and text analysis

### Publications

- Pinna, M., Picard, L., & Goessmann, C. (2022). "Cable News and COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake". *Scientific Reports*, 12(1), 1-7.

### Working papers

- "Figurative and Literal Language in U.S. Governor Speeches", with Dominik Stammbach. R&R at the Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics.
- "Carbon Abatement Costs in German Manufacturing", with Beat Hintermann, Maja Žarković and Corrado Di Maria.
- "The Effect of Climate Policy on Productivity and Cost Pass-through in the German Manufacturing Sector", with Beat Hintermann, Maja Žarković, Corrado Di Maria and Ulrich J. Wagner.

### Work in progress

- "Echoes of Anger in Democracy: Independent Campaign Expenditures And Attack Ads in US Politics", with Alois Stutzer and Patrick Balles.
- "When Employment Sours, Do Elections Turn Bitter?", single authored.

### Seminars and presentations

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**2025:** Economics Lunch (University of Basel); Research Network Sustainable Future (University of Basel); 10th Monash-Paris-Warwick-Zürich-CEPR Text-As-Data Workshop (online); Advisory Political Economics group (Stockholm University); 3rd Swiss workshop on Environmental, Resource and Energy Economics (SEREE, University of Lucerne).

**2024:** Summer School in Law, Business and Economic Policy (Georgetown University); Ausschluss für Umwelt- und Ressourcenökonomie (AURÖ Nachwuchsworkshop, Karlsruhe); Political Science seminar on the US 2024 presidential election (invited guest speaker, University of Basel); Monte Verità Conference on Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics (SURED, Ascona); 29th Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE, KU Leuven); Public Opinion and Science Communication (invited guest speaker, University of Basel).

**2023:** EAERE-ETH European Winter School 2023 (Ascona); University Paris Dauphine-PSL Public Governance working group (online); Text-as-Data Political Science reading group (online); 28th Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE, Cyprus); Fünftes Arbeitstreffen zu umweltökonomischen Analysen mit Amtlichen Firmendaten für Deutschland (ZEW Mannheim); 4th Student Chapter Workshop of the Swiss Association for Energy Economics (SAEE, Zürich).

**2022:** 10th Mannheim Conference on Energy and the Environment (ZEW Mannheim); Economics Lunch (University of Basel); Verein für Sozialpolitik ("Big Data in Economics", University of Basel).

## Relevant working experience

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### Research

- Ph.D. Candidate and Assistant to Prof. Beat Hintermann, University of Basel      *since Sep. 2021*
- Doctoral Research Affiliate, ETH Zürich      *since Sep. 2021*
- Scientific Assistant to Prof. Elliott Ash, ETH Zürich      *Feb. 2020 – Aug. 2021*
- Intern, Research and Policy Analysis, UNCTAD, Geneva      *Aug. 2019 – Jan. 2020*
- Part-time Research Assistant, University of Lausanne (HEC)      *Feb. 2018 – Aug. 2019*

### Teaching assistance

University of Basel

- Public Economics (M.Sc.)      *2024 – 2025*
- Introduction to Python Programming (all levels)      *2023 – 2025*
- Seminars in Public and Environmental Economics (M.Sc., B.Sc. in German)      *2022 – 2025*
- Economics of Public Policy (M.Sc.)      *2021 – 2025*

ETH Zürich

- Big Data for Public Policy (M.Sc.)      *Spring 2020*

University of Lausanne (HEC)

- Statistics and Applied Econometrics: Introduction (B.Sc., in French)      *Spring 2019*

### Academic service

**2024:** Referee for Resource and Energy Economics.

## Education

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### University of Lausanne (HEC)

Master of Science in Economics      *Sep. 2017 – Jul. 2019*

- Spring 2019: Master's thesis on the trade of natural gas and interstate conflicts
- Fall 2018: Exchange semester at the University of Mannheim

Bachelor of Science in Economics

*Sep. 2013 – Jul. 2017*

## Other skills

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### Programming

General: Python, Bash  
Statistics: Stata, R  
Database management: SQL

Typesetting: LaTeX, Markdown

Environments: Linux, SSH, Git

### Languages

French: mother tongue  
English: proficient  
German: intermediate (B2)

## References

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